AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A liquid crystal display comprising:

a polarizing plate ~~with optical compensation function for a VA-type liquid crystal cell, the polarizing plate comprises~~having a polarizing layer ~~and an optically compensating layer~~, an optically compensating A-layer and an optically compensating B-layer; and

a VA-type liquid cell adjacent to the polarizing plate,

wherein ~~the optically compensating layer comprises an~~ the VA-type liquid crystal cell is compensated only by the optically compensating A-layer and the optically compensating B-layer,

wherein the optically compensating A–layer ~~comprising~~ comprises a polymer film, ~~and an~~

wherein the optically compensating B–layer ~~comprising~~ comprises a cholesteric liquid crystal layer,

wherein the optically compensating A-layer ~~being~~ is on a side of the optically compensating B-layer opposed to the polarizing layer,

wherein the optically compensating A–layer meets requirements indicated by the following formulae (I) and (II):

$$20 \text{ (nm)} \leq Re \leq 300 \text{ (nm)} \qquad \text{(I)}$$

$$1.2 \leq Rth/Re \qquad \text{(II)}$$

wherein, in the formulae,

Re (retardation value in normal direction) = (nx –ny)•d

Rth (retardation value in thickness direction) = (nx –nz)•d;

where nx, ny and nz respectively denote refractive indices of X axis, Y axis and Z axis in the optically compensating A–layer; the X axis denotes an axial direction presenting a maximum refractive index within the optically compensating A–layer, the Y axis denotes an axial direction perpendicular to the X axis within the optically compensating A–layer, and the Z axis denotes a thickness direction perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis; 'd' denotes the thickness of the optically compensating A–layer, and

wherein Re (retardation value in normal direction) of the optically compensating B-layer is about 0.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended): The ~~polarizing plate with optical compensation function~~ liquid crystal display according to claim 1, ~~further comprising~~wherein the polarizing plate further comprises at least one of an alignment layer and a base.

6. (Currently amended): The ~~polarizing plate with optical compensation function~~liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the polymer film is either a stretched film or a liquid crystal film.

7. (Currently amended): The ~~polarizing plate with optical compensation function~~liquid crystal display according to claim 1, further comprising a pressure–sensitive adhesive layer, the pressure–sensitive adhesive layer being arranged on one of the surfaces of the polarizing plate.

8-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended): The ~~polarizing plate with optical compensation function~~liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the polarizing layer and the optically compensating ~~layer~~ A-layer are arranged so that an angle formed by an absorption axis of the polarizing layer and a slow axis of the optically compensating A–layer is not smaller than 85° and not larger than 95°.

17. (Currently amended): The ~~polarizing plate with optical compensation function~~liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein a ~~selectively~~ selective reflection wavelength range of the cholesteric liquid crystal layer is in a range not larger than 350 nm.

18. (Canceled)